

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors  
3 Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort  
4 by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives  
5 in the 106th Congress, including 19 of the 20 Illinois  
6 members of the United States House of Representatives; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 80 United States Senators, including  
8 both Illinois Senator Richard Durbin and Illinois Senator  
9 Peter Fitzgerald, signed letters of support for this  
10 legislation in 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, The bill, now before the 107th Congress,  
12 modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000  
13 beneficiaries nationwide, including nearly 50,000 in  
14 Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Railroad management, labor, and retiree  
16 organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

17 WHEREAS, This legislation provides tax relief to freight  
18 railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

19 WHEREAS, This legislation provides benefit improvements  
20 for surviving spouses of rail workers who currently suffer  
21 deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

22 WHEREAS, No outside contributions from taxpayers are  
23 needed to implement the changes called for in this  
24 legislation; and

25 WHEREAS, All changes will be paid for from within the  
26 railroad industry, including a full share by active  
27 employees; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to

1 support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act  
2 in the 107th Congress; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
4 the President of the United States, the President of the  
5 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House  
6 of Representatives, and all members of the Illinois  
7 congressional delegation.